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TODAY'S WEATHER: Moderate Southeast winds; cloudy with light or moderate showers at night and early morning. Noon observations: barometric pressure 1009.3 mbs, 29.9 ins; temperature 75 deg. F; dew point 74 deg. F; relative humidity 99%; wind direction Southwest; wind force 5 knots.

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Jerusalem To Be Open City?

Lake Success, Apr. 25.—Emergency steps designed to make Jerusalem virtually an open city took top priority in the United Nations today.

Many United Nations delegates have almost abandoned hope of obtaining an effective truce in the Holy Land but seek a way to spare Jerusalem's holy places.

Alexandre Parodi, of France, put before the Assembly Political Committee a resolution intended to place Jerusalem under United Nations care promptly.

Parodi's resolution will be debated in the political committee tomorrow.

Parodi indicated that he hopes the United Nations will be able to agree on Palestinian guards in Jerusalem to protect the city if it becomes a United Nations responsibility. — Associated Press.

Russia Ends Boycott Of Trusteeship Council

Lake Success, Apr. 25.—Soviet Russia ended its boycott of the United Nations Trusteeship Council today, apparently to have a full voice in Council debate on Palestine.

Train Dives Into Gorge

Two People Killed

Adamsville, Alabama, Apr. 25.—The fast Miami to Chicago passenger train, "Sunchaser", today hurtled from the rails on a horse-shoe curve and the locomotive and three cars plummeted into a 100-foot deep gorge.

Two persons were killed and about 40 injured. Seven other cars of the 13-car train derailed but stayed upright on the single track roadbed. The last three cars slid to the track. Engineer James Booth died in the crush of scalding steam at the controls.

One woman passenger was killed. Of the injured being attended at Birmingham, 10 miles southeast of the accident, doctors said that about six to eight were in serious condition.

The cause of the accident was not officially explained. — United Press.

MAIL TRAIN DERAILED
Bombay, Apr. 25.—One person was killed and three wounded when the Calcutta mail train was derailed about 174 miles northwest of here early today. — Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Another Whitehall Threat

THE experimental abolition of the death penalty in England, at first of vicarious interest to the general public of Hongkong, threatens to become a major issue if Mr. Chuter Ede, the Home Secretary, succeeds in persuading the British Government to extend the same experiment to the colonies. Hongkong will then be a success in its domestic affairs. The question is not so much whether it is right and proper for Hongkong and other colonies to abolish capital punishment, but whether they should be made to do so at the dictate of Whitehall. Hongkong has, become wearily accustomed to the dominating influence of the Colonial Office and Treasury, and only under protest have we accepted the financial control now being exercised as a reminder that Hongkong became indebted to the Imperial Government during the war. However, while it is possible to make out a case to some degree justifying Whitehall control of our public expenditure, there is much less justification for instructions compelling us to amend our criminal code of procedure purely on the basis that what is right for Britain is proper for the colonial empire. Mr. Chuter Ede's argument implies that the result of a free vote in the House of Commons on a subject such as the abolition of the death penalty also represents the opinion of the people living in the colonies. This is absurd. There was never any suggestion by the original proposer of the

Mortar Shells Rain Down On Port Of Jaffa

HEAVY JEWISH ASSAULT

Jerusalem, Apr. 25.—Unleashing the biggest mortar barrage yet seen in the Arab-Jewish fighting, Jewish forces today launched an all out attack on the all-Arab "orange port" of Jaffa, five days after they had seized control of Haifa, Palestine's biggest seaport.

Reports from the adjoining Jewish city of Tel Aviv said tonight that 3,000 men of the Irgun Zvai Leumi opened the attack, but in Jerusalem it was said forces of Haganah, the Jewish defence army, went into action after blasting the port with mortars.

The Irgun district commander made this announcement in Tel Aviv: "Our soldiers began a counter-offensive against Jaffa at dawn this morning. The attack continues."

Official reports reaching Jerusalem said mortar shells began to rain down on Jaffa—the ancient port of Jerusalem—about 7 a.m. local time. Two Arabs were killed and 64 others were wounded, it was added. Preliminary casualty figures said two Jews were also known to have been killed.

An Arab source in Jerusalem admitted that the Jews had penetrated the "No Man's Land" separating Jaffa from Tel Aviv and were reported to have occupied the Munnish quarter, including the police station.

ARABS FLEE

In Tel Aviv, Jews on the seashore with field glasses watched Arabs fleeing from Jaffa in small boats.

From Cairo, it was reported that King Farouk of Egypt visited Emir Abdullah, the Iraqi Regent, who had arrived at the Zarifan Palace here from Amman, the capital of Transjordan.

The Regent was expected to attend tonight's meeting of the Arab League Political Committee, where he would lay before King Farouk recommendations for military aid for Palestine, reached during the weekend talks in Amman.

The atmosphere prevailing throughout the discussions was of gloom and pessimism caused by the Jewish successes in the Holy Land.

Jewish sources in Jerusalem said tonight that the attack on Jaffa was spear-headed by 600 Irgun members after an unconditional surrender to the Arabs in the port was delivered.

Palestine police sources stated tonight that Jaffa was "quiet but tense."

MARTIAL LAW

In Jerusalem, the British Army proclaimed martial law tonight in the Arab Sheikh Jarrah quarter of the city, which was attacked by the Jews earlier today.

Lieutenant-General G. H. A. MacMillan, General Officer Commanding, Palestine, imposed martial law because the fighting in the quarter was threatening the British withdrawal route on the Jerusalem-Nablus road.

The Haganah forces who occupied a number of Arab positions in this suburb last night have now been driven out by Jewish forces.

According to Jewish sources, Haganah killed 20 Arabs for the loss of two dead and 20 wounded.

A Jewish source in Jerusalem said British guns blasted Haganah positions tonight before they were occupied. Jewish casualties were not known.

Meanwhile, the three Consuls-General named by the Security Council on Friday as the Palestine truce committee—the United States, French and Belgian Consuls-General—met informally in Jerusalem today.

So far, they have received no official instructions from the Security Council. "All we know is what we have read in the newspapers and heard on the radio," one of them said. — Reuter.

AIRPORT SAID OCCUPIED

Jerusalem, Apr. 25.—The Lydda international airport—one of the biggest air junctions between Europe and the East—was occupied tonight by the Arab Legion, according to Jewish reports.

A British Overseas Airways official said tonight the last Dakota to leave Lydda will take all British staff out tomorrow. He added that one company of British troops was still in occupation of the airport and denied the Jewish reports.

He alleged that Jewish airlines' staff had sabotaged communications. Jewish reports said that all the main international airlines, with the exception of the Egyptian Mail, had stopped operating.

Three British soldiers were killed and six seriously injured when an Army train, carrying stores, was derailed in the Ramleh area after a section of the track had been removed.

In Baghdad, an Iraqi military spokesman, declining to confirm reports of movements of Iraqi Army units to Palestine, said today that the movements of military forces "are, in any case, a military secret." — Reuter.

STUDENTS' DEMANDS

Baghdad, Apr. 26.—All of Baghdad's colleges and schools declared an indefinite strike on Sunday until the Government recruits all able bodied Iraqis and sends the regular army to fight in Palestine.

Simultaneously, a mass meeting of the nation's Liberal party made the following demands:

1. The Regular Army should occupy Palestine.

2. Arms for Palestine, must be collected from the Iraqi tribes.

3. Recruiting centres should be opened up throughout Iraq.

These moves followed "British treachery in surrendering Haifa to the Zionists," as one newspaper wrote.

It was authoritatively learned that the flow of petrol to Haifa was stopped three days ago. Supplies still continue to Tripoli.

The organ of the National Democratic party, expressing great alarm at the Zionist control of Haifa, urged the immediate intervention of Iraq's Regular Army or "the people will force an action which the Government will not be able to stop."

The newspaper of the Independence party agreed that the use of the Iraqi Army was the only way to guarantee the safety of Palestine. — Associated Press.

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HK Message Of Felicitation

The following message has been sent to Their Majesties on the occasion of Their Majesties' Silver Wedding Anniversary:

"On the occasion of Your Majesties' Silver Wedding the Government and people of Hongkong wish to join with all Your Majesties' subjects the world over in a common expression of loyalty and affection. On their behalf I tender, with humble and loyal devotion, heartfelt congratulations on this occasion and best wishes for the future." — Signed Alexander Grantham, Governor.

REDS' SIEGE OF LOCHUAN SMASHED

Shanghai, Apr. 26.—The Nationalists have smashed the month-long siege of Lochuan, 60 miles south of Yenan, and have broken the furious Communist attack on Yinghsien, 35 miles south of Tating, but a new crisis developed in Weihsien, 80 miles west of Tsingtao.

Government columns which last week evacuated and abandoned Yenan, former Red capital, played a major role in breaking the Communist ring around Lochuan, according to pro-Government reports today.

The Nationalists were now said to be advancing on Chungpu, 20 miles southwest of Lochuan, where the Communists were said to be looting the city, setting fire on main buildings in preparation for a retreat.

A United Press dispatch from Peiping describing the fighting of Yinghsien said that government war planes "attacked and silenced Red artillery units on the outskirts of the city causing heavy casualties on the Red reinforcements moving from the east."

The Headquarters of Gen. Fu Tso-yi's command in Peiping said that 7,000 Communists were killed in 10 days of fighting through April 24.

The dispatch also told of a clash with the guerrillas only 13 miles east of Peiping and Sanho, 40 miles east of Peiping.

The seriousness of the government position in Weihsien was pointed out by a government announcement that Nationalist reinforcements seeking to reach the besieged city from the east and west might not arrive in time as the Reds were reported to have secured a hold inside the city.

Last week the siege was broken temporarily when the Reds suddenly withdrew in a move which later proved to be a strategic withdrawal to reform and re-deploy the besieging forces. Peiping reports said the Reds broke into the city after heavy guns smashed the wall on the north side. — United Press.

KUALA LUMPUR RIOTS

Ceylonese Soldiers Put Under Guard

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 25.—About 800 men of the Ceylonese Royal Pioneer Corps, stationed here, were today confined to camp under armed Gurkha guards after serious rioting in the town last night. Several Europeans were among those assaulted and three shops were wrecked by about 150 Ceylonese who rioted in three localities.

An official statement said a court of enquiry was being convened immediately.

The first warning of trouble came when a truckload of Ceylonese troops were stopped by military police along the main road to Ipoh.

An officer said a truck had been commandeered by the Ceylonese. It was reported back to camp and serious trouble started soon afterwards.

As this was going on, another riot started in a neighbouring area, half a mile away, a liquor shop being attacked, smashed up and money taken from the till and two employees stabbed.

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representations to the Government of Ceylon on the situation. Only two nights before, the Ceylonese were involved in another riot during which they smashed up two shops about a mile from the scene of last night's disturbances, injuring several people. — Reuter.

U.S. Arms For Western Europe

Washington, Apr. 25.—Informal Congressional sources today said President Truman would send Congress a plan for limited shipments of American arms to the five-nation "Western Union" within the next three weeks.

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POLICE AND COMMUNISTS FIGHT IN MILAN'S CATHEDRAL SQUARE

Milan, Apr. 25.—Rifle swinging police, aided by a timely rain storm, today broke up Italy's post-election riot. Communists provoked and guided the wild demonstration in Milan's famed Cathedral Square.

For an hour police in jeeps and armoured cars fired into the air and charged time after time into the lines of 25,000 partisan fighters who were being led by Communists.

Panicky residents of the city cheered as heavy police reinforcements arrived. The Communists apparently fired at the police. A passerby was known to have been injured and a National policeman was killed by a bullet which reportedly was not from police guns.

A streetcar came under a burst of machinegun fire, but its terrified passengers escaped injury.

This was the third anniversary of Italy's liberation from the Germans, and the partisans were allowed to celebrate with a meeting in the courtyard of Strozzi Castle. There, the underground fighters of the war heard Luigi Longo, Italy's No. 2 Communist, declare:

"Today as then (in the uprising against the Nazi), we rise as one single man—without authorisation—in defence of liberty and to stage our commemoration for the fallen in the war of liberation."

With those words in their ears, the partisans left the courtyard and formed ranks for the half mile march to the Cathedral Square.

Their attempt to parade defied a government order issued to prevent Communist outbreaks.

The police were ready for the marchers. From side streets roared jeeps, armoured cars and bren gun carriers. These formed a bumper

to bumper barrier across the street. Rifles and machineguns were aimed at the partisans.

For the moment the Leftists faltered. Then someone shot off a firecracker and the partisans surged against the police lines.

Thudding clubs and a spray of machinegun fire over their heads scattered the marchers to side streets. They reformed farther down the main road to the Square.

A second police barrier failed to halt them, and one column actually reached the Square.

There the police clubbed everyone within reach.

Mostly the marchers pulled off their red neckerchiefs, stuck them in their pockets and fled.

At that moment a heavy thunderstorm broke, and the rain cooled things off. Soon the only person in the square was a solitary monk plodding toward the cathedral. — Associated Press.

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By ROBE and ANNE EDWARDS



The cabaret star ...

... was a hat. This flat bonnet is in mushroom pink straw, with primulas and pink and white roses. Ties on with black velvet cords. No. 2 favourite was a flower-girl toque in pink felt and blue straw, with a pink rose and black plume.

PROPER DIET
IN
PREGNANCY

By Garry Cleveland Myers, Ph.D.

YEAR by year, thanks to the marvellous progress of medical science, more babies yet unborn (excepting those destroyed by voluntary abortion) will be born alive, will stay alive, and their mothers will have an easier pregnancy and better health after the child's birth. The gain has come about chiefly through the better choice of foods for the pregnant woman.

A vast amount of precious knowledge about proper nourishment of the pregnant woman was recently developed at the University of Toronto, at Harvard School of Public Health and at the Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia.

Select Diets

At the Pennsylvania Hospital 593 pregnant women who had select diets were compared with 772 who did not. In the latter group (whose diets were not selected) 38 percent more babies were born dead, 15 percent more babies died in the first few weeks and 70 percent more were born premature. Besides, there was a much larger amount of toxemia (indicated by morning sickness, high blood pressure, swollen feet and ankles, excessive weight, mal-functioning of kidneys, nervousness and fatigue) among the mothers of the latter group.

At the Harvard School of Public Health four-fifths of the babies born in poor condition had mothers with poor diet. In every case but one, of stillborn, premature or death-in-labor babies—a total of 216 cases—the mother had had inadequate diet during her pregnancy.

Deformities

Laboratory experiments on animals also indicated inadequate diets to have been responsible for club-foot, cleft palates, bone deformities, and many cases of blindness at birth.

As worked out at the Pennsylvania Hospital, here is the minimum daily diet for the pregnant woman: Three glasses of milk. Two cups of cooked vegetables. No more than one glass of fruit juice. Only one serving of fresh fruit. Two servings of wholegrain cereal. Not more than three slices of whole-wheat bread (no plain white bread at all).

Leafy Vegetables

One cup of salad with leafy vegetables or of other highly coloured vegetables, with any kind of dressing desired. Three squares of butter, or two tablespoons of oil, not both. One egg (though two or three could be taken safely).

Six ounces of lean meat, fish or fowl. Especially recommended are liver and other organ meat. Twenty per cent meat may be added; also one and a half ounces of cheese (cream cheese not allowed). Flavoured gelatin or junkie, fruit whip or custard.

Starchy foods like potatoes, rice, spaghetti, corn, dried beans and lima beans are severely restricted—only one and a half teaspoonsful of any one allowed. Pastries, ice creams, candy, nuts, forbidden. Liquids of all kinds are limited to 8 glasses in 24 hours. Salt and salty foods to be avoided. The expectant mother is advised to eat six small meals a day instead of six big ones. Also certain vitamin combinations selected by the physician are to be added.

THE "showgirls" at a most unusual West End cabaret recently walked on, smiled, turned about, and then walked off. The eyes of the audience of diners and dancers were not on the girls—but on their hats. Six of London's leading hat designers had for one night only added their newest spring models to the menu at the Hungaria.

They showed bonnets with flowers, boaters with ribbons. Piccadilly flower-girl hats typically trimmed with red tape, and enormous straws tied on with velvet ribbons.

But the prices were strictly in the "liqueur" class... up to as much as £20. Yet the creator of the most expensive hats in the parade also designed the five gay models shown below—at "shandy" prices. Study the sketches carefully and hunt for these styles in your own shops. There—minus the cabaret spotlights—you will find them at lower prices.



Blue felt bonnet, trimmed with ribbon and lilacs of the valley—



Schoolgirl shape in pink felt, trimmed with pale blue ribbon



Felt hat with a shoulder-length tassel—



Shady straw in a rough weave, lined with dark blue felt—



Tip-back braid hat in white straw braid and navy felt—

HOME MEDICINE:

TREATMENT
OF LIP
CANCER

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

CANCER of the lip often begins as nothing more dangerous seeming than a mere thickening of the skin, or it may develop from such apparently harmless conditions as a tiny sore or a recurrent cracking of the skin.

As a rule, some type of simple operative treatment is all that is required to get rid of these conditions. Naturally, when the thickened skin or ulcer removed, all of the affected tissues should be cut out.

On Lower Lip

The usual location of a carcinoma of the lip is on the lower lip. It appears that this type of tumour growth occurs almost entirely in men. It is thought that the continued exposure to bad weather or irritation from tobacco may help to bring on this type of cancer.

The tumour itself is raised above the skin and may be ulcerated. Some are inflamed.

If a cancer has developed, operative treatment is imperative. A small cancer of the upper lip can be removed and the edges of the wound brought together. In some cases, however, the growth may have extended to such extent that large amounts of tissue must be removed, and various types of plastic operations done to repair the defect in the lip.

Tissues may be taken from the lower lip to aid in the repair of the upper; sometimes tissues may be taken from the forehead.

In those cases in which the tumour growth is quite large, or the patient cannot undergo an operation, treatment with radium and X-ray is used.

Tissues Examined

Whenever cancer of the lip is to be removed surgically, some of the tissues should be examined at once under the microscope to determine the type of tumour present. This is necessary so that the surgeon can decide whether or not the lymph glands in the neck will also have to be removed.

That Well-Dressed Look



Good taste in clothes and beautiful carriage combine to give Screen Star Loretta Young "that well-dressed look".

By HELEN FOLLETT

CLOTHES make the woman when woman makes the clothes distinctive, wears them beautifully. Look at the lovelies of the screen. Even when they appear as simple little girls in gingham frocks they carry an air. They just can't get away from it. They have been trained in carriage and manner. That is why they are of such attractive appearance, no matter what the role may be.

Every well-dressed woman not only keeps in step with changing fashions, but studies her figure knows what is flattering, selects what is becoming. If a new style is not her type, she modifies it, doesn't go the whole way. Of course, good taste is the directing influence; without it all is lost.

Jerky Steps

The girl who slouches or slinks or walks with jerky steps will never line up in the national dress show that goes on all the time. Neither will the one who pays little attention

to the harmoniousness of her dress accessories. One should look well-harnessed, which means that the foundation garments must be selected with care. An experienced corseteer can do wonders in remodelling a figure that doesn't qualify. She silvers down the bumps and shelves, gives fullness if the figure requires it.

Correct Posture

Do not overlook the importance of correct posture. Endeavour to assume a poised, confident attitude when standing, sitting or walking. Self-consciousness causes the body to assume awkward poses. What can one do about self-consciousness? Ah, my paper friend, that is a long and different story.

Through graceful posture, the attitude is given importance. It assumes pleasing lines that are accentuated by the grace of the body lines.

Wear your clothes as if you loved them and they loved you. That will bring out the good points, conceal the poor ones if you happen to have any.

BOYS AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Grandmother Comes for a Visit

—And Hanid Tells Knarf All About Grandparents—

By MAX TRELL

GRANDMOTHER came in from the country to spend a few days with mother and father and the children. Everyone went down to the railroad station to meet her, and Knarf and Hanid, the shadow children with the turned-around names, went along, too.

They found the station crowded with people.

"My goodness!" exclaimed Knarf. "Are all these people waiting for grandmother?"

"Certainly not!" said Hanid, who thought this a very odd idea. "They're waiting for the trains." However, she thought about this for another moment, and then added: "Or else they're waiting for their own grandmothers—not ours."

"Has everybody got a grandmother?" asked Knarf.

"Everybody has two grandmothers," said Hanid.

"Two grandmothers?"

Hanid nodded.

"Where's our other one?" asked Knarf.

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POSERS?

FAMOUS PEOPLE

Here are 10 questions about famous people. The correct answers are printed below upside down:—

1. Who wrote the book "Jane Eyre"? Was she English or American?
2. — Fenimore — wrote the famous "Leatherstocking" series. Fill in missing words.
3. The first name of this explorer was "Roald." What was his last name?
4. Was Mary Sheldon Barnes an American or English educator?
5. "F. P. A." stands for what American journalist?
6. Name three classical composers whose last names start with the letter B.
7. "Thanatopsis" was written by what American poet?
8. Who is called the "father of English poetry"?
9. What famous inventor who died in 1922 gave large sums of money to aid the deaf?
10. What Scottish poet married his "bonny Jean" in the year 1788?

POSER ANSWERS

Burns, Alexander Graham Bell, 10—Robert Lynd, 9—George Bernard Shaw, 8—Charlotte Bronte who was English, 7—Charles Dickens, 6—William Cullen Bryant, 5—F. P. A. American, 4—Mary Sheldon Barnes an American or English educator? Fenimore, 3—The first name of this explorer was "Roald." What was his last name? Fenimore, 2—Fenimore wrote the famous "Leatherstocking" series. Fill in missing words. Jane Eyre, 1. Who wrote the book "Jane Eyre"? Was she English or American?

Rupert helps Dr. Lion—21



Entering the wood Rupert searches for a particular tree. "I've asked three clever men and they haven't helped me," he murmurs, "but the old owl lives in this wood. He's the wisest of all the birds and he may know lots of things that no men can ever know. If only I can find him I'll ask if he will tell me how to make the sun shine for Dr. Lion. At length he finds the tree he is searching for and climbs up to a large hole in the trunk.

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RED RYDER

One Down

By Fred Harman



WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



NEW TREATMENT FOR WHOOPING COUGH—Doctor Alice Salmon of Paris examines a child in the French capital after receiving altitude treatment for whooping cough. Using low pressures brought about by a pressure bell for about 50 minutes, doctors have been able to cure the disease.



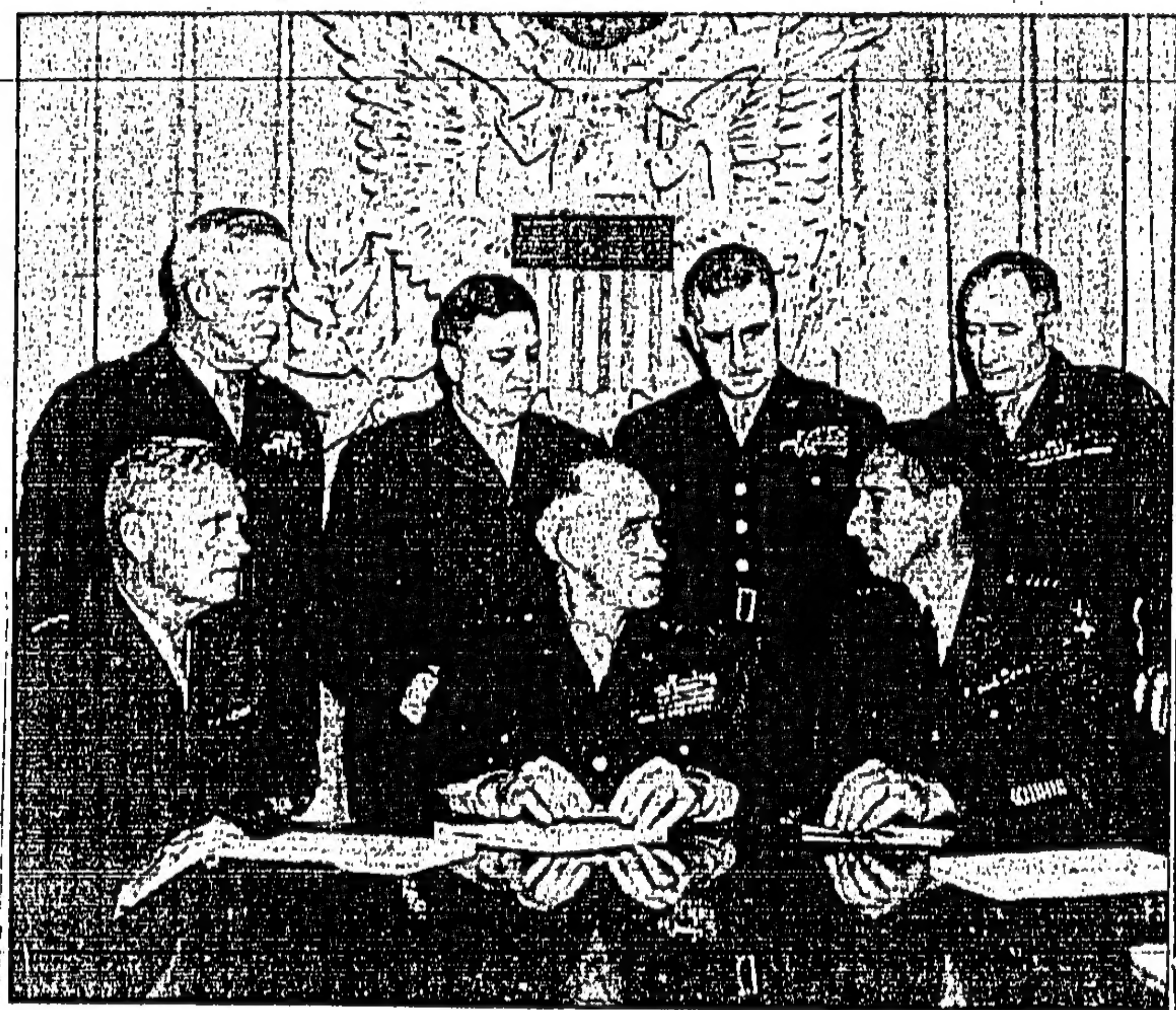
REGATTA QUEEN—Betty Adolph, Queen of the Biscayne Bay Regatta at Miami, shows her royal form during a spin across the bay.



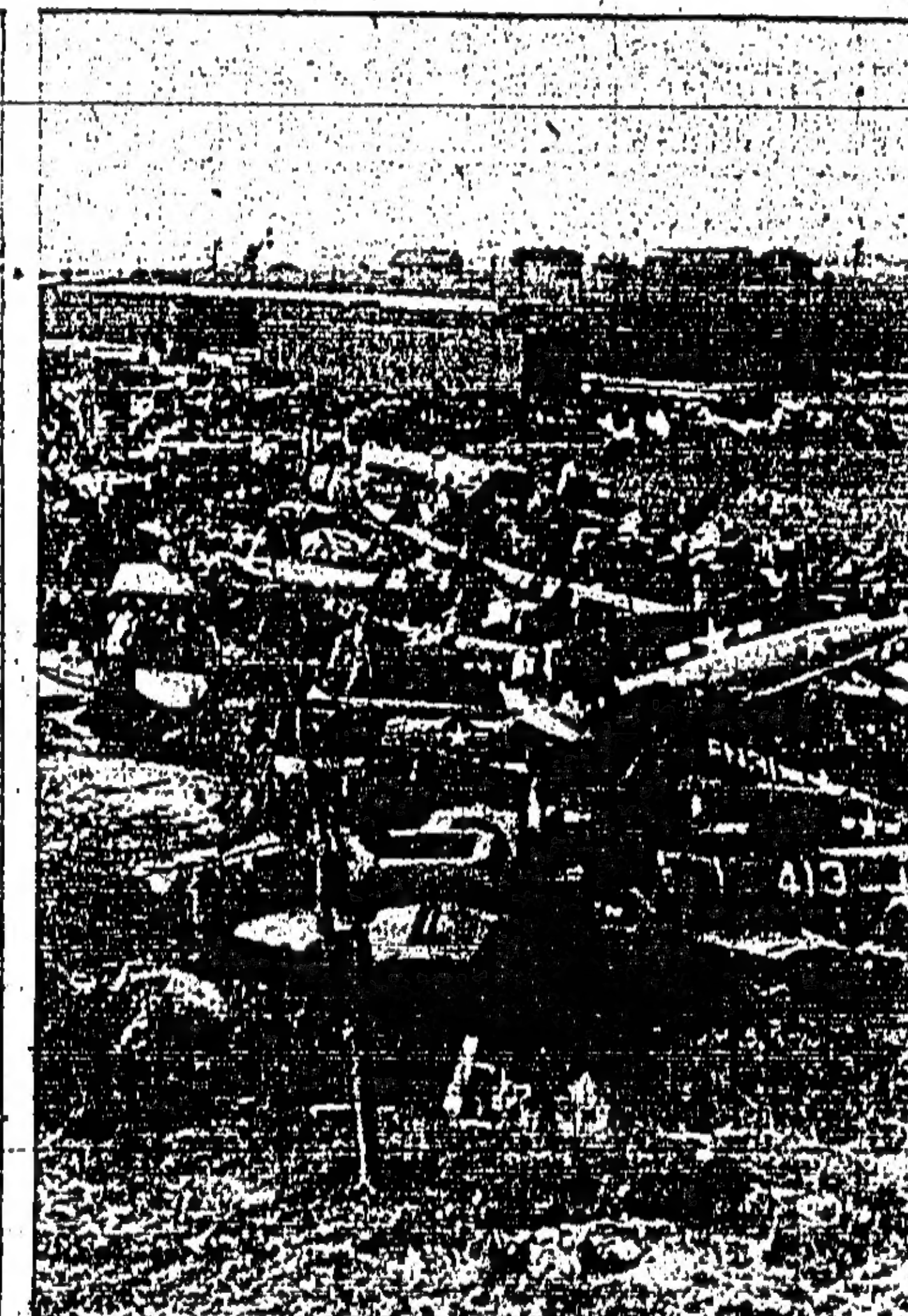
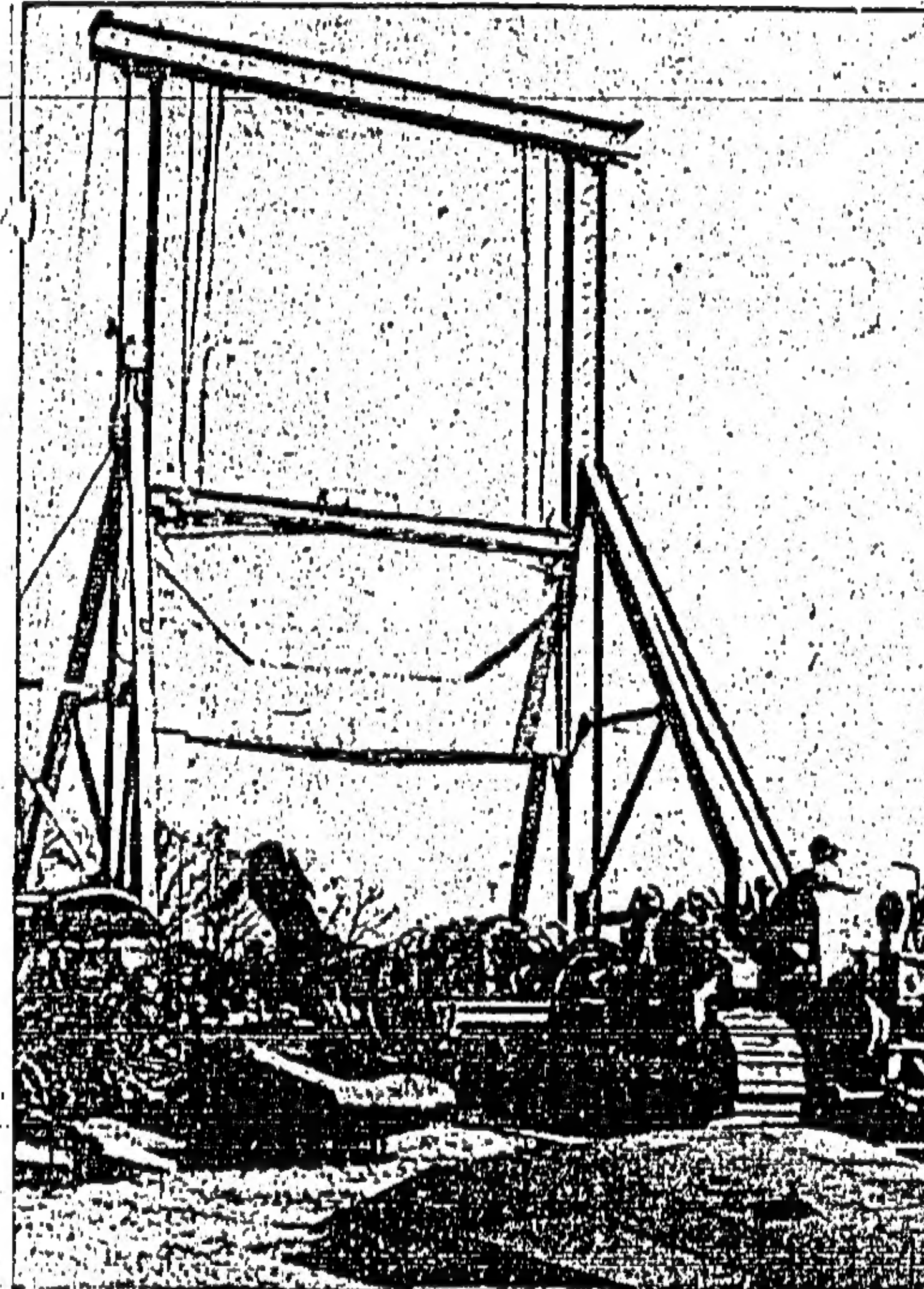
TOKYO APARTMENT HUNTERS—Tokyo has its housing problems, too. Here apartment hunters apply for the 37 apartments being constructed in the compounds of the former villa of Prince Takamatsu, brother of Emperor Hirohito. There were more than 20,000 applicants.



THE HORSEY SET—When it's Rodeo Week in Tucson, Arizona, the horsey set takes over. Here Gold Tony, famous for his trick performances, gets trimmed in a barber shop—manicure and hair brushing. Gold Tony was one of the stars at the Old Pueblo rodeo.



GENERAL BRADLEY AND HIS COMMANDERS—Gen. Omar Bradley, seated centre, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, meets his top-ranking commanders to discuss problems at hand. Flanking Bradley are Gen. Thomas Handy, left, of the Fourth Army; and Gen. Mark Clark of the Sixth. Standing, left to right, are: the First Army's Gen. Courtney Hodges, the Fifth's Walton H. Walker, Gen. Leonard T. Gerow of the Second, and Third Army's Lt. Gen. Alvan C. Gillem.



ON THE BLOCK—The aeroplane graveyard, right, at the Naval Air Station in Norfolk is made up of obsolete and wrecked aeroplanes. At left, a bulldozer pushes one of the planes under the guillotine, a giant blade that chops them up for metal salvage.



MASS TRIAL OF GREEK REBELS—A music hall in Salonika, Greece, serves as a military court room for 114 Greek guerrillas captured after the shelling of Salonika. Fifty men and two women were sentenced to death. Most of the others were found innocent.

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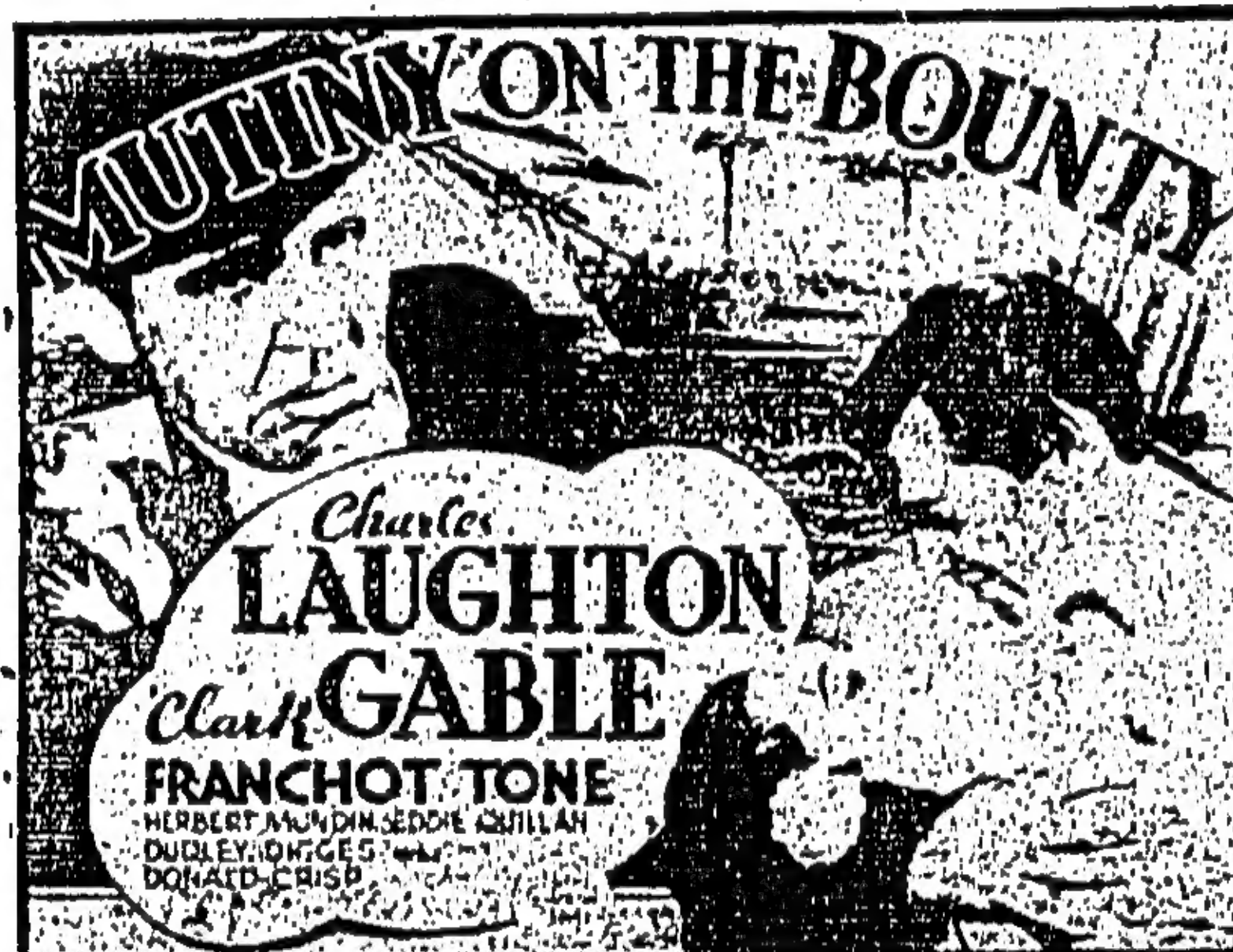
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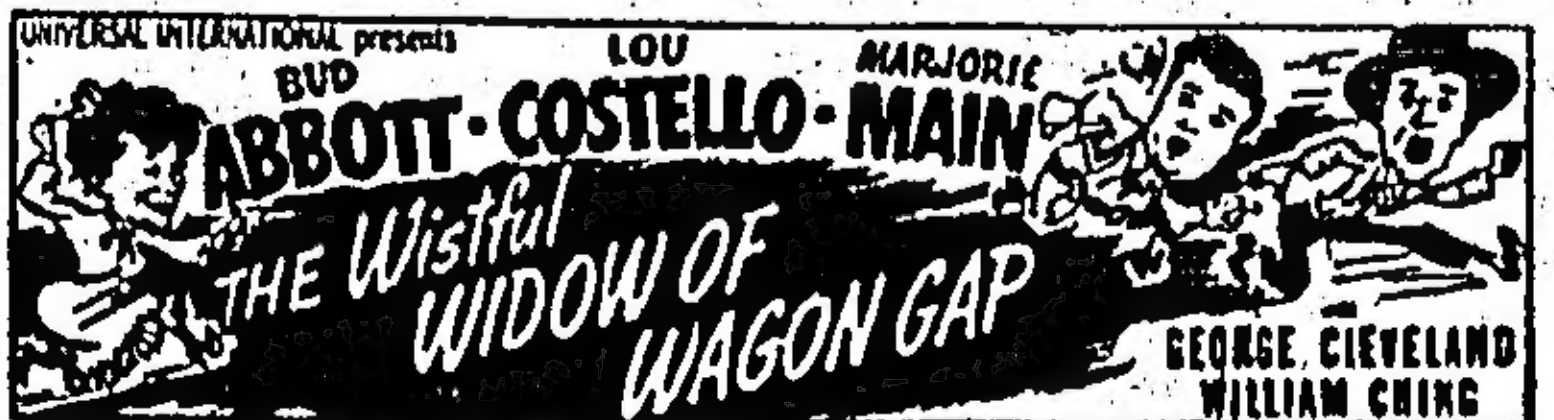
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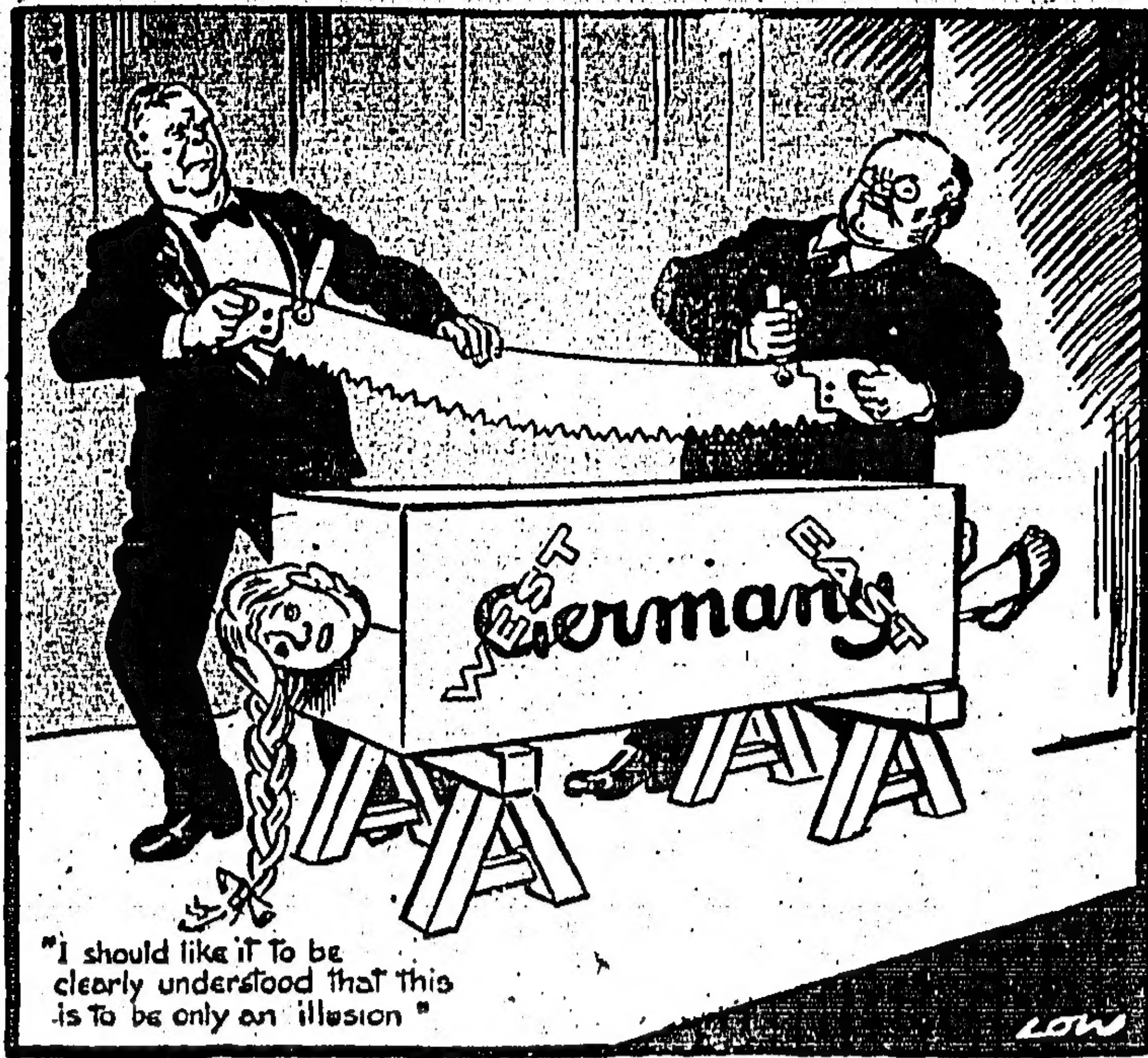


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Robertson now faces two problems in the 'Berlin Bridgehead'

"He must be tough with one . . . and restraining with another"

BERLIN, April 12. SIR BRIAN ROBERTSON has, to my mind, the most difficult job of any British official anywhere.

He is faced in Berlin by a crisis of conflicting interests none of which is in every respect identical with those of Britain.

On the one side he has the Soviet authorities. They want to eliminate the British, French, and American occupation forces from Berlin, where they constitute a dangerous Western bridgehead in Iron Curtain Europe. They want to make Berlin the capital of an Eastern Germany, as firmly isolated from the West as the other Iron Curtain countries. They want it as a base from which to communise the rest of Germany—and Europe. Robertson has to be firm in opposing their encroachments.

On the other side stands General Lucius Clay, one of the most powerful Americans today. He is commander not only of the American forces in Germany, but in the whole of Europe. He has been granted wider powers of discretion than have ever been given an ambassador. He has authority to "shoot if necessary."

And General Clay wants a showdown in Berlin.

A shock

He wants Berlin, as he has again and again told his advisers during these last weeks, to become "a kind of bloodless Pearl Harbour," a signal to jerk the American people into militant action against their enemies. Soviet anxiety to eliminate the Westerners from Berlin, he believes, may lead them into deeds which will demonstrate to all Americans the ruthlessness of Moscow and the gravity of the Soviet menace to Europe and the Western world.



Already he claims their action in Berlin has hastened the passing of the Marshall plan.

He expects the same help for Selective Service.

Our envy

The consequence of this attitude is that the Americans act in Germany with a freedom from inhibition which many British envy.

Sir Brian has to exert a restraining influence on his American colleague—and on his own staff who would like to follow the U.S. line.

A Berlin cocktail party this week-end was an example. British officials were there and they were freely discussing the night's big news: General Robertson's note which accepted an Anglo-Russian inquiry into the air crash without insisting on the presence of French and American representatives.

"Shameful," "An indignity," "Climb-down," "Appeasement," were phrases they used about it. And among the critics were many senior men holding important posts.

I understand how they feel. But I do not agree with them. Their tempers have been strained to breaking point by Russian obstruction, insults, disloyalty and provocation. Last Monday's collision in their view presents an opportunity for "having things out."

But Sir Brian Robertson's moderate note establishing a judicial rather than a political atmosphere

for this inquiry is an act of statesmanship.

The inquiry, I believe from the evidence I have heard, will show that the collision was an accident.

A new mark

BEFORE going to Berlin I took soundings at two other German key points in the political battle of Europe.

In Frankfurt, seat of the German Bizonal Administration, I found British and American officials, with French assistance, working on a project which will fundamentally change the economic set-up in West Germany.

They are making the preparations for a currency reform. The German mark will be made convertible into dollars at 3.30 marks to the dollar for import, and export purposes under much the same conditions as the £.

But it will take many times as many of the old marks to buy the new.

For it is intended to wipe out the savings accumulated by Germans during the war as well as the black market profits and the six thousand millions of Soviet printed marks which have found their way to the West. At the same time food and goods are to be put on the German market in quantities not seen so far.

Germans, it is hoped, will begin to work for money once more instead of cigarettes.

Holding out

THE importance of this currency reform was made clear to me in Düsseldorf, centre of the German steel industry and therefore a vital element in Europe's economic recovery.

Britain must import 1,000,000 tons of German steel scrap this year if our steel industry is to reach its target output.

But we shall be lucky if we get as much as 200,000 tons of scrap under present conditions.

Owners of Germany's steel scrap are hanging on. They refuse to part with it for valueless marks. The price they get for it now is worth barely ten cigarettes a ton.

Currency reform it is hoped, will change that by giving the mark some value.

HOW TO CHECK THE SHOPLIFTERS

● The mystery of shoplifting by "usually respectable" people was discussed at a London conference. It has been estimated

that shoplifting is costing £1,500,000 a year in London alone. Today a distinguished magistrate analyses this evil.

by CLAUD MULLINS

ALL magistrates are worried about shoplifters. Most of these tiresome people are "first offenders," but that does not always mean that they have not stolen before; it merely means that they have not previously been found guilty. But few of them are really criminals.

Can one 'classify' shoplifters? I think so. I believe that three-quarters of them have stolen because the goods are inadequately protected. Shops of many kinds flaunt their wares and make them easily available.

The worst offenders are the chain stores that have island counters. In the middle are two assistants, but often only one. All round are counters with open trays filled with attractive goods. With the best of intentions an assistant, when serving a customer, cannot protect the goods in the trays at the back and at the sides of her.

UNPROTECTED

Therefore, unless there is a second assistant who happens to be facing the opposite way, three-quarters of the trays are unprotected. If there is such a second assistant, the trays at her right and left remain unprotected.

This planning of shops is wrong in my opinion. It is true that these stores have floor detectives, but an army of them would be required to protect all these island counters.

It is a frequent experience in magistrates' courts to hear that when women have been caught stealing, numerous other stolen goods have been found in their bags—successfully stolen in the same shop. Sometimes, when a woman is caught in Store A, numbers of goods are found that have been successfully stolen from Stores B and C.

In other kinds of shops even quite expensive goods are sometimes within reach of customers, and neither assistants nor detectives can always keep their eyes on them.

This insufficient protection of goods affords no excuse for the shoplifters, but with the shortage of goods it is not surprising that large numbers of people yield to this excessive temptation.

THEY ESCAPE

I am convinced that for every offender who is caught, there are many who are not. Some firms with many shops have detectives who spend a period in one shop and then pass on to other branches.

When they are in branch X the local court will have many cases from that branch, but almost none from the other branches Y and Z. Then branch Y is attended to by the

detectives and few cases come from branches X and Z, and so on.

Is not this some proof that much undetected stealing takes place?

Owners of shops should be asked to examine their method of exhibiting and protecting goods and in such examination they should ask themselves this question: "If I put this article here, can I protect it?" It is useless to demand exemplary penalties from the courts, for courts deal with offenders as individuals, not as a class.

What of the other kinds of shoplifters? I would divide them into three categories:

(1) Some customers steal, prompted by debased sporting instincts. To do so seems easy; some neighbours may have been successful, so why not try one's luck? Such people are akin to those just mentioned.

(2) Some have low morals. They want goods and feel that they must have them. This class of shoplifter is often the victim of the politicians who, especially at election times, emphasise the policy of "Something for Nothing."

These shoplifters almost convince themselves that they have a right to have the goods that they want.

Such people usually have no contacts with churches; religion means nothing to them. This is scarcely surprising, since religion teaches self-discipline and the wrongfulness of stealing other people's property.

(3) Kleptomania is sometimes put forward as a defence to a charge of shoplifting. Such a plea means that there was an irresistible impulse to steal. Technically this is no defence, according to our present law. Stealing may be an outward sign of many kinds of psychological trouble, but caution is necessary, especially when the article stolen will be useful to the shoplifter.

EASY DEFENCE

Keen as I have long been on the psychological treatment of offenders in suitable cases, I have misgivings about this plea in shoplifting cases.

If evidence of mental illness is given by an expert for the defence, it should always be checked by an expert acting for the prosecution. This defence is too easy and can easily be abused.

In the official account of pre-war attempts to use psychiatry in prisons, occurs these words: "Some what appalling trials have exploited medical psychologists in order to bring forward evidence, when before the court, that they are under medical treatment and irresponsible, or at least subjects for leniency." (East-Hebert Report, para. 39.) This danger needs to be borne in mind.



"He's choking her—now she's choking him—quick, ring Daphne and say there's a flat going."

NANCY He's Got Something There!



By Ernie Bushmiller



NEHRU'S WINNING TACTICS

Bombay, Apr. 25.—By threatening to resign from the Congress Committee, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, helped turn a probable defeat into a clear victory for the Congress leadership in the All-India Congress Committee here tonight.

The Committee was voting at the end of its session on an official resolution suggesting fresh elections to the All-India Congress Committee. The last were held two years ago.

On a show of hands, there was a majority of six against the resolution. Then Pandit Nehru intervened, protesting against the members' attitude.

A division was called and the resolution was carried by 103 votes to 60.

The opposition insisted that the present AICC should continue until fresh elections are held under the Congress Party's new constitution, which was adopted tonight.

REDS DEMONSTRATE

The approaches of the AICC meeting were lined up by about 100 Communists shouting slogans for the release of Communists recently arrested all over India.

The demonstrators were dispersed by the police after an hour.

The AICC ended its two-day open session tonight after setting up a standing committee to examine the Indian Government's industrial policy in the light of the Congress Party's economic programme.

Pandit Nehru will be the committee's chairman.

Answering calls for the inclusion of "Gandhian" economists and "radical elements" in the committee, Pandit Nehru declared at today's meeting: "I wish to point out that large numbers of people have doubted Mahatma Gandhi's fundamental and basic ideals. It has become an almost chronic habit with many in India to talk of Gandhi's ideologies when it suits them and to neglect them when it does not."

He added: "Many who have been regarded as radicals are in fact reactionaries. Probably the most reactionary people in India today are the Communists."—Reuter.

Portuguese Bound Over

Mario Garcia, 21, clerk of the Mercantile Bank, residing at 5, Kennedy Street, Wanchai, was bound over in a sum of \$500 by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central Court this morning to keep the peace for 12 months when he was convicted on a charge of assaulting Kam Shiu-lun on April 23.

Defendant, it was stated, injured the complainant with a small knife during an argument over the playing of a banjo by the complainant outside the defendant's cubicle.

Garcia was ordered to pay \$100 compensation to the complainant.

NEWSVENDOR FINED

A fine of \$35 was imposed by Mr. d'Almada at Central Court this morning on Tam Mui, a 50-year-old woman hawk, for hawking newspapers at a place other than stipulated on her licence.

Inspector H. Moran said the woman was arrested by a constable of the Hawker Squad outside the Blue Bird Store. Her pitch should have been outside the Queen's Theatre.

Defendant told the Court she had just received her issue of Saturday's Hongkong Telegraph from the publishers, and was on her way to her pitch.

A police constable declared the woman was outside Blue Bird's corner for over 10 minutes.

FALSE REPORT OF RAPE

A young married woman of 18, Kwok Hing-yi, appeared before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Court this morning charged with falsely reporting to the Police on Saturday that she had been raped by her father-in-law two days previously.

Appearing with Kwok was an older woman, Si Oi, 33, charged with aiding and abetting Kwok by telling her to make the report.

At the request of Sub-Inspector Channing, the accused were remanded for a day.

U.S. Arms For Europe

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by equal determination on our part to help them do so."

It is in fulfillment of this pledge that a programme to send limited quantities of United States guns, munitions and planes to Europe is being drafted by State Department and Army officials.

Government sources believe only limited shipments will be requested because of America's own defence needs and the top limit which can be mustered by the five nations.

The military plan would be separate from the European Recovery Programme, but Congressional sources said it would try to accomplish the military front what the ERP sought to do on the economic front. That adds up to stabilisation of Western Europe and strengthening of the free governments.—United Press.

PAULA By DENNIS WHEATLEY



PRISON FOR BURGLARY

Chow Kat-che, 34, unemployed, was sentenced to one year's hard labour by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central Court this morning for burglary at 74 Jaffe Road, first floor, yesterday morning.

Defendant broke into the premises between 1 a.m. and 5.30 a.m. and stole clothing to the value of \$258.

He was additionally charged with breach of an expulsion order and given a further six weeks and recommended for banishment.

CAN PEOPLE STEAL OWN PROPERTY?

Can one steal one's own property? That was the poser which confronted Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Court this morning when two hawkers, Wong Fook and Wan Lo, were charged with stealing a wooden box, a table cover, 13 plates and a scale, the property of Government, and with trespassing in Yau-mat Police Station on Sunday.

The accused maintained that the property in the charge sheet was theirs.

According to Insp. Orem, the articles were seized by Sub-Inspector Wu Tui-sin was also in the congregation, and about 11.30 a.m. saw Liu take the woman's handbag from her seat, wrap a newspaper around it and leave the Church. The Inspector followed Liu and arrested him outside with the handbag in his possession.

"You pretended, by going to Church, to be a good Christian, but you were caught stealing," Mr. d'Almada added.

"It's almost sacrilege, sir, to steal in a place of worship," remarked the prosecuting officer.

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Snatched Ring

For brutally snatching a gold ring off the finger of a 69-year-old woman, Li Wung, 43, was sentenced to two years' hard labour at Central Court this morning at Kowloon Court by Mr. Blair-Kerr, who stated that if he could have given Li the "cat" he would.

Describing a very persistent and desperate thief, Sub-Inspector Matches said the victim, Lo Put, was walking along Tam Kung Road last night when accused came from behind and attempted to snatch the ring from her finger. Lo shouted to her son, who was walking ahead with his wife, and he came to her aid.

In spite of being attacked by the son, accused still kept his hold of Lo's finger till, eventually, he wrenched off her ring. There was a tussle, joined in by several other men, who assisted Lo's son. Pretending to fall, accused then buried the ring in the mud on the ground.

After his arrest by Detective Tam Chung, who arrived on the scene, he disclosed the hiding place, and the ring, valued at \$35, was recovered. The old woman sustained a nasty bruise on her finger.

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Chang Fa-Kwei Wounded, Report

According to a Chinese report from Nanking, the wrecking of the plant of the National Salvation Daily in that city on Friday was led by National Assembly delegates belonging to the "C.C." Clique.

The delegates, numbering over 100, were all from Kwangtung and overseas. They objected to an article in the paper concerning Dr. Sun Fo, one of the candidates for Vice-Presidency.

The report added that among the delegates was General Chang Fa-kwei, former Director of the President's Headquarters in Canton and well known in Hongkong. He was wounded in the disturbance.

Thunderbolt Falls At Kai Tak

Much excitement prevailed at Kai Tak shortly after noon today when, during the electric storm, a thunderbolt fell into the harbour just outside the waiting room of the Kai Tak Airport.

The incident was accompanied by an enormous flash after which clouds of smoke rose from the water.

SIAMESE FORGED NOTES: TWO MEN ON TRIAL

The story of how a money-changer failed to distinguish between genuine and forged Siamese tical notes until he tried to resell part of a large quantity which he had bought was related at the Criminal Sessions this morning at the trial of two men on charges concerning forged banknotes.

MIDWIFE ROBBED IN CHURCH

"You are not only a thief, You are a hypocrite," said Mr. d'Almada at Central Court this morning, when he sentenced Liu Ok-fung, 26, unemployed, a recent arrival from Canton staying at the Kam Toi Hotel, Kowloon, to six months' hard labour for the theft of a handbag containing \$86.35 from Hui Wai-chun, a midwife, in St. Paul's Church yesterday morning.

Inspector H. N. Moran told the Court that the midwife was attending the morning service. Sub-Inspector Wu Tui-sin was also in the congregation, and about 11.30 a.m. saw Liu take the woman's handbag from her seat, wrap a newspaper around it and leave the Church. The Inspector followed Liu and arrested him outside with the handbag in his possession.

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Marine Court

The coxswain of the motor junk Fung Tai was fined \$160 or one month by Mr. Cairns at the Marine Court this morning for being underway without a certificated engineer on board.

Sub-Inspector McCarthy reported that when the junk was stopped at the Southern Entrance to the Yau-mat Typhoon Shelter, there was an engineer on board but his certificate was for a steam launch.

Defendant pleaded that this engineer had been supplied by the owner in Canton. It was difficult to find engineers in Canton but he understood it was easier in Hongkong. Asked by Mr. Cairns why he had not made enquiries at the Marine Office concerning the certificate, defendant stated that he thought as there was a certificated coxswain on board it would be in order.

The master of a fishing boat had his bail of \$25 extracted when he failed to appear at Court on a charge of failing to renew his boat licence.

Accused were Yiu Ming, 28, shop fook, and Hui Kin-hei, 29, partner of an import and export firm. The charges against them were (1) conspiracy to utter 1,000 forged 20-tical notes on or about December 29, (2) uttering 800 forged 20-tical notes on December 30, (3) uttering 850 forged 20-tical notes on January 13, (4) possession of 1,000 forged 20-tical notes on January 10, and (5) possession of 1,000 forged 20-tical notes on December 30. Hui was additionally charged with misprision of a felony by concealing the fact that Yiu had uttered 800 forged 20-tical notes.

The trial was before Mr. Justice Gould and a jury which included five women.

Another man, Wong Pui, 31, travelling trader, was also arraigned, but on his pleading guilty to the charge of misprision of a felony through Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Huss, Mr. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, offered no evidence against him on the other counts. Sentence on him will be passed at the end of the trial.

Mr. Reynolds said that on December 30, Yiu went to a money-changer's shop, the Wing Cheung, at 6 Pedder Street, with 25 20-tical notes. The money-changer purchased the notes at \$25 per 100 ticals, which was approximately the market rate. About 15 minutes later, Yiu returned with the same quantity which he also sold. He then told the money-changer that he had still about 17,000 ticals and that he had been offered \$25.20 per 100 by another shop. On the money-changer agreeing to pay the new rate, Yiu then brought the notes. A few were rejected because of ink spots but approximately 17,500 were bought, making a total of \$4,485.00.

Notes Sold

The money-changer later sold most of the notes to a customer at \$25.50 per 100, but when he tried to sell the remainder to another money-changer he received certain information as a result of which he held the notes back.

On January 13, after the money-changer's suspicions had been aroused, Yiu phoned him and offered to sell a further 17,000. The money-changer stalled and asked for Yiu's telephone number but this was refused. Yiu said he would ring up again later. In the meantime, the money-changer, as a result of investigations, had come to the conclusion that the notes were forged.

Yiu rang up again the same day and was told by the money-changer that he would accept the notes. Meanwhile, the Police were sent for and when Yiu arrived with approximately 17,000 ticals worth of notes he was taken into custody.

He admitted to the Police that the notes were forged, and as a result of information given by him, a visit was paid to an address in Wing Lok Street where 72 20-tical notes in a basket and Hui were found. According to Yiu, Hui was the man who introduced him to the place for the forged notes. The same night, Yiu took the Police to his own house where he produced 80 20-tical notes.

Stroke Missing

Following evidence by Ho Kit, the money-changer at Wing Cheung, and his fook, Ho Hang, regarding the purchase of the forged notes from Yiu, Mr. Winai Pachinsunt, Secretary of the Siamese Consulate-General, testified that the only clear difference he noticed on the forged note as compared with the genuine one was in the Siamese word which meant "banishment."

On the forged note, a stroke in the word was missing, rendering it meaningless.

Sub-Inspector A. Morrison, Police expert in handwriting and in identification of forged documents, said he had compared the genuine and forged notes and found two outstanding differences.

Miss A. R. Gardner, stenographer of Bosco Corporation, told the Court that on January 5 she bought about 17,000 ticals worth of notes at \$25.50 per 100 from Wing Cheung. She was later told they were forgeries. Hearing is proceeding.

Reds Kill Priests And Sisters

Shanghai, Apr. 26.—Four Chinese priests and three Chinese sisters have been killed by Communists in mission agencies in Kiang, Manchuria, according to the "Huangpu" Catholic news agency.—Reuter.

Bank Clerk Drove Without Licence

A clerk of the Belgium Bank was fined \$250 this morning for driving without a valid licence and without due care and caution along Repulse Bay Road yesterday.

The case was heard before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central Court.

Evidence adduced was that defendant drove, for over a mile, in the dead middle of the road. Sub-Inspector J. Hayward followed the defendant and stopped him, and then found he had no driving licence.

Defendant, Fung Pui, aged 23, stated that he was driving the car on behalf of a friend who was suddenly taken ill.

Painter Discharged

Accused of evading payment of bus fare on board bus No. 4131 in Queen's Road, Central on Sunday, Li Ming, 19, a painter, was immediately discharged by Mr. d'Almada at Central this morning when a bus conductor, Leung Wah, who appeared as complainant, informed the Court that Li had bought a ticket.

It was alleged that Li travelled on the bus from Arsenal Street to the Bank of China without paying his fare, although he was asked to buy a ticket when the bus was passing Wellington Barracks. Li, it was said, claimed to have a ticket.

Asked by Inspector Moran, who prosecuted, whether Li had at any time bought a ticket, Leung said he had, whereupon Mr. d'Almada ordered defendant to be discharged at once.

SOLD RACE TICKETS

A youth, Pang Wo, 20, and a girl, Li Kam, 17, appeared before Mr. d'Almada at Central Court this morning charged with selling sweep tickets without the authority of the Hongkong Jockey Club. Pang denied the offence, while the girl admitted possession of some tickets.

Constable To Chu-lun stated that he proceeded on special instructions to Exchange Building on April 17, arriving there about 11.30 a.m. He proceeded to the second floor and saw Pang near the top of the staircase holding out sweep tickets for which he was asking \$2.20 each. When Pang saw him, he immediately threw the tickets over the verandah into the street.

Pang denied having any tickets in his possession, but was convicted. Inspector Moran told the Court that Pang was selling the tickets after the offices of the Jockey Club had closed early on a race day.

Pang was fined \$50 or 15 days' imprisonment, and the girl was remanded for 24 hours on bail of \$50.

Opium Hidden In Bamboo Hat

A woman, Lee Sul, aged 55, who hid raw opium in the crown of her bamboo hat, was fined \$300 or two months by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Court this morning.

According to RO D. Knox, three ticals of opium were discovered on the woman during a routine search at the KCR Station on Sunday.

Seaman Loses \$100 Bail

Danny Cantillar, a Spanish-Hawaiian seaman of the President Monroe, forfeited \$100 bail when he failed to appear before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Court this morning.

Cantillar was charged with evading payment of \$1 taxi fare and with assaulting Yuen Cheung in Nathan Road on Sunday.

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Communist Plot Uncovered

Helsinki, Apr. 25.—Extremists, members of the Finnish Communist Party, planned to overthrow the Coalition Government and seize power this month while Finland was concluding negotiations with the Soviet Union for a military assistance pact.

According to the Social Democratic Party, the revolutionaries changed their plans when they learned of counter measures taken by the Government.—Reuter.

Shark Catch Record

Adelaide, Apr. 25.—Mr. J. T. Veitch, of Port Lincoln, South Australia, today broke the world record for a shark caught on a No. 39 thread when he landed a female white pointer weighing 1,702 pounds off Cape Donnington.—Reuter.

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SPORTS NEWS

OLYMPIANS WIN

By "RECORDER"

TEAM FOR LONDON SCORE THROUGH BETTER FORWARDS

China's Olympic Soccer team, fielding six replacements from Saturday's turnout, won 7-3 at Happy Valley yesterday against Hongkong's "B" team for China's National Games at Shanghai next month.

Played in a heavy downpour of rain, the game lost much through many spills on the slippery grass. Standard was fairly high all through and the Olympic team was as often on the defensive as at their opponents' end of the field.

Lack of finish in the National "B" team's forward line made all the difference and the score could have easily been closer than it was.

The Olympic team showed poorer staying power than would be expected of it and the opposition had all the play in the last 25 minutes of the game when they caught up to 3-7 after having been led 7-11.

A demoralised defence faced the Olympic forwards, in good though not sterling form, as the Olympians scored in the first minute of the game, were two up before five minutes' play and three up before a quarter-hour.

Chinese Athletic's Yu Kai-yan, playing goalie for the National Games "B" Team, fell out badly on the first two goals, easy ones put in by Lee Tai-fai and Chou Man-chi. He was on better form in the later stages of the game.

ROUT HELD OFF

It seemed after the second goal that there was to be a rout and a goal-scoring spree that would see double figures. But the "B" Team had even more fighting spirit than the Olympians and took the initiative in a series of raids on the Olympic goal that saw considerable excitement but no finish.

The "B" Team forwards had two good spoiling fullbacks to contend with and Hau Yung-sang was at his best, his powerful kick swinging the initiative to the other end of the field again and again.

The Olympic team showed up as a good team. It could be considerably improved by the inclusion of some players who did not make it, notably Tang Yee-kit, but as a team it should do as well as any that could be selected from about three full eleven that could have made it in a year when the standard has been as high as it was through the past season.

However, it showed up badly yesterday in an important respect. There seemed to be an absolute dearth of strategy. There was no lack of combination. Passing was accurate and the Olympians played together with a minimum attempt by individuals to shine on their own.

Where the team failed was in what seemed a complete lack of interest in studying the opposition's play and exploiting its weaknesses. A desire for more goals paid little heed also to sudden turns of the tide when a long clearance caught the opposition forwards dangerously unmarked and in complete control of the ball.

WASTED CHANCES

The "B" Team just failed to make the most of these opportunities. Their approaches were well-timed, their wildness when confronted by a spoiling defender a continual disappointment.

The first half was even enough. Lai Shiu-wing scored a third goal on a pass from the right-wing in the 15th minute of the game and Chou Man-chi netted one from close range in the 25th.

There were no more goals in the last 10 minutes and play was even enough for the score to have been nothing better than 2-1, possibly 2-4 had the "B" Team made the most of their chances.

Play was as even in the second half. The ball was kept travelling from one end of the field to the other. With a more accurate finish, the Olympic forwards netted when they were given the opportunity, the "B" forwards didn't.

Cheung Kam-hoi headed in the first goal of the second half on a pass from Ho Ying-fun. Chou Man-chi the second as both goals and left-back rushed him and misjudged badly. Lai Shiu-wing the third on a lucky curving shot that just shaved the goalie's head in what resembled a bounce and landed a foot or two beyond him.

That was as far as the Olympians got. They had little of the play in the remaining 20 minutes that saw the "B" team kick wide or high on as many opportunities as they netted on.

The "B" Team's left wing was stronger, though the right wasn't too weak either. It was the left wing that more of the opportunities came.

LATE RALLY

Cheung Chung-long, the inside-left netted the first of the three goals that came of the "B" team's late rally on a follow-up from a corner kick. A few minutes later

he netted once more as Cheung Pong-lun, the Shanghai goalie, slipped up on a ground shot. The third came two minutes from the final whistle as the centre-forward Lee Tak-kee made no mistake after a fine piece of work with the right-wing; Cheung Chan-kwong.

The "B" Team deserved a good hand for their fighting spirit. If nothing else, they were a good, but far from an inspired team. Demoralised by the first three goals from the Olympians within 15 minutes, they recovered well enough. They lacked a spirited leader to the attack, though it must be said for Lee Tak-kee that he tried hard enough.

They lost much also through poor clearance from their defence and the feeding was confined almost exclusively to the wings. Against them a 7-3 score that owed as much to fortune as to good play shows up the Olympians as a team who will have to pull their socks up and develop their own individual team strategy, sadly lacking as yet, if they are to make a showing at London.

Olympic Team: Cheng Pong-lun (Shanghai); Hau Yung-sang (S. Tao), Tse Kam-hung (Shanghai), Ho Fei-ching (Shanghai), Sung Ling-sing (S. Tao), Lau Chung-sang (S. Tao), Ho Ying-fun (S. Tao), Chou Man-chi (K.M.B.), Cheung Kam-hoi (S. Tao), Lai Shiu-wing (S. Tao), Lee Tai-fai (C.A.A.).

Hongkong "B" Team: Yu Kai-yan (C.A.A.); Lo Hon-san (Eastern), Fok Yu-wah (Eastern), Tsang Sek-hong (Eastern), Hoon Hing-yuk (C.A.A.), Lo Wai-kiun (Eastern), Chung Chan-kwong (K.M.B.), Lee Cheung-iat (C.A.A.), Lee Tak-kee (Eastern), Chang Chung-kan (K.M.B.), Lee Shek-yau (K.M.B.).



English Team To Tour Continent

London, Apr. 25.—Five cup finalists were included in a squad of 15 chosen by the Football Association today for a tour of the continent in May.

Manchester United, the Cup winners, will be represented by Aston, Cockburn and Pearson. Blackpool, the runners up, will furnish Matthews and Mortensen.

Others chosen are Swift, Manchester City; Scott, Arsenal; Howe, Derby; Wright, Wolverhampton; Franklin, Stoke; Nicholson, Tottenham; Finner, Preston; Lawton, Notts County; Mammion, Middlesbrough and Langton, Blackburn.

A sixteenth player will be picked later.

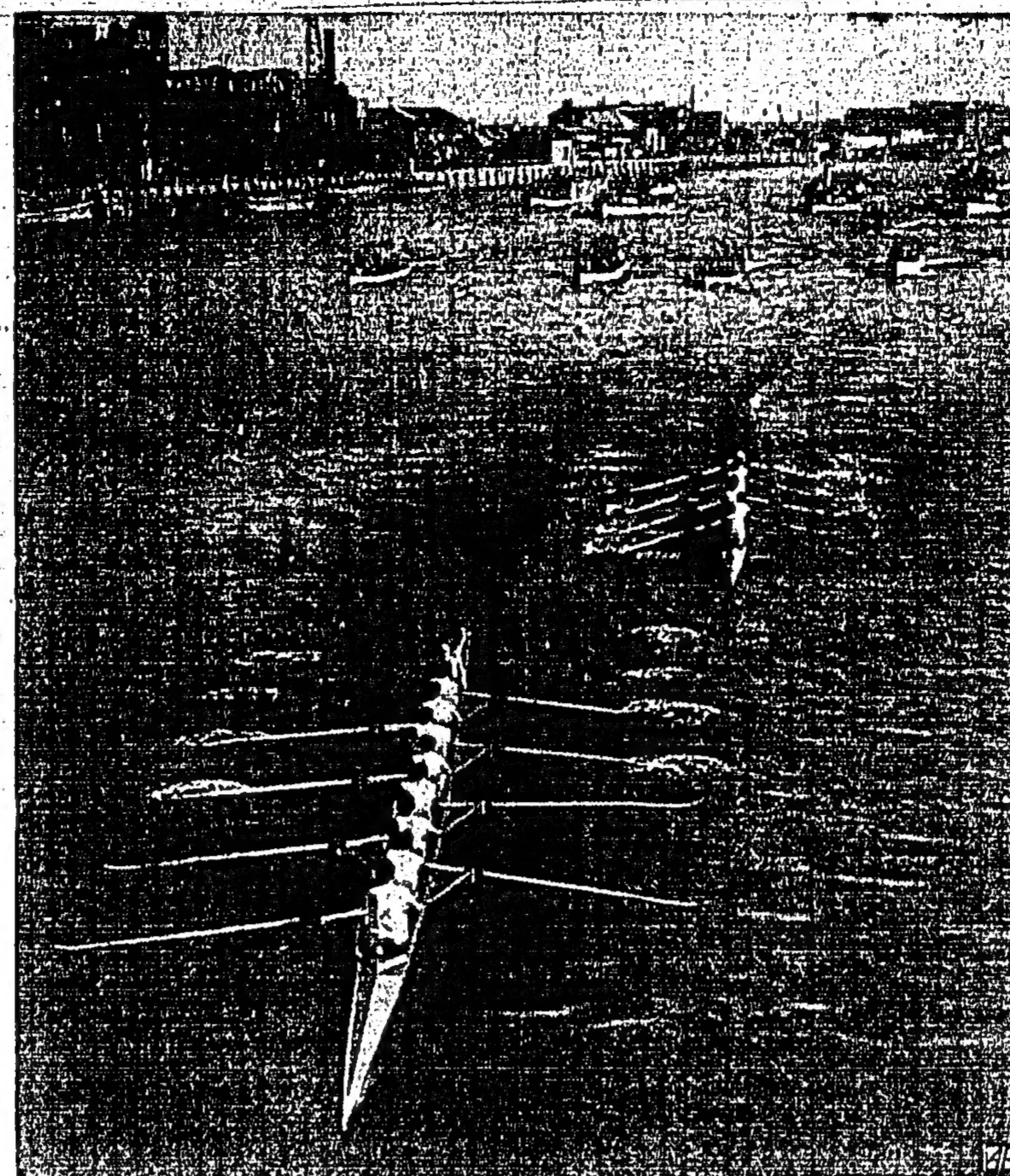
The team will play Italy at Turin on May 10, a Swiss team at Bellinzona on May 19, and an exhibition match at Schaffhausen in the Zurich canton either on May 22 or May 23. —Associated Press.

RUGGER

London, Apr. 25.—The Metropolitan Police rugby team defeated the French gendarmes on Sunday 10-3.

The British Home Secretary, Mr. Cuthbert Ede and visiting police officials from Paris were among the big crowd that saw the game. —Associated Press.

CAMBRIDGE CREW LEADS



Crew of Cambridge University (foreground) leads Oxford on Thames River in the 9th race between the two British universities. Cambridge won the 4½-mile event in record time of 17 minutes and 50 seconds for its 50th victory.

BASEBALL

ATHLETICS AND SENATORS SPLIT DOUBLE HEADER

New York, Apr. 25.—In the American League, the Philadelphia Athletics split a double header with the Washington Senators. They won the opener 4-0 behind the pitching of Carl Scheib, but dropped the nightcap 3-7 when the Senators broke out in a rash of base hits for five runs in the seventh inning. Homers by shortstop Eddie Joost and third baseman Hank Majeski accounted for all the Philadelphia runs in the second game.

The Chicago White Sox split a double header with the Saint Louis Browns to win their first victory of the season. The Sox broke a 1-1 tie in the eighth to win the first game 4-1. The Browns took an early lead in the second, and held off a Chicago rally, taking the game by seven runs to the White Sox's six.

The Boston Red Sox' four-run rally in the ninth against southpaw Ed Lopat fell one short as the New York Yankees defeated them 5-4. Outfielder Joe Dimaggio hit his second homer of the season with two on.

The Cleveland Indians remained unbeaten by unleashing a barrage of hits on Hal Newhouser to defeat Detroit 7-4. Third baseman Ken Keltner hit two homers, and first baseman Eddie Robinson hit one for the Indians. Second baseman Eddie Mayo hit one for the Tigers.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

In the National League, newcomer Sheldon Jones pitched a two hit triumph for the Giants as the New York Yankees took both ends of a double-header from the Boston Braves, 6-2 and 6-0. Giant catcher Walker Cooper hit a four run homer in the 10th to win the first game.

Dutch Leonard pitched Philadelphia to a 6-3 victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers. Rightfielder Del Ennis hit a homer while shortstop Granville Hammet collected six hits to lead the Philly attack.

Russ Meyer pitched one-hitter to lead the Cubs to a 3-1 triumph over the Saint Louis Cardinals. Centrefielder Hal Jesteadt smashed a two run homer for the Cubs.

Fourteen pitchers saw action as the Cincinnati Reds and Pittsburgh Pirates split a doubleheader. Cincinnati won the first game 7-6 as leftfielder Hank Sauer smashed a ninth inning homer to break a tie. The Pirates won the home-studded second game by 13 runs to the Reds' 10. Sauer collected two homers and Ted Kluszewski hit one for the Reds. Pirate Wally Westlake hit one with three men on base. —Associated Press.

McKenley Will Run For Jamaica

Boulder, Colorado, Apr. 25.—Herb McKenley, the former University of Illinois star runner, who has been expected to compete for Britain in the Olympics, has decided to go to London on a five man team representing his native Jamaica. —Associated Press.

SOUTH AFRICAN TEAM

Capetown, Apr. 25.—South Africa has nominated five athletes and six cyclists to compete in the Olympic games in London. —Associated Press.

AMERICAN SOCCER TEAM

New York, Apr. 25.—The United States Olympic soccer team will be selected on May 18 following a series of trials throughout the country. —Associated Press.

CYCLING

PARIS TO LONDON

Belgium will join France and Great Britain this year in the Paris to London cycling race from May 15-17. Luxembourg may make a fourth nation for the race, which was inaugurated last year and won by France.

George Fleming of Britain captured individual honours, however, covering the 236 miles in 10 hours 14 minutes 51 seconds actual riding time.

France and Britain each supplied 30 riders then but the entries will be reduced to a dozen per country. First day of the race, Saturday, May 15, will be from Paris to Arras with a massed start under French rules. On Whit Sunday riders continue to Calais. They cross by boat and remain overnight in Folkestone.

The race continues on Monday, terminating at Herno-Hill, the Olympic cycling track in London.

The London newspaper, News Chronicle, promotes the race and supplies a 400 pound gold cup and other awards. —Associated Press.

COLONY CHESS

Reserve Entries

The draw for the Colony Reserve Tournament will take place this evening at a meeting of the Open Chess Championship Committee to be held at 5.30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Hongkong Land Investment Co., Ltd. The tournament starts early next month.

Two additional entries have brought the total number of competitors to 12. A motion is to be put before the meeting that the present committee put on record a recommendation to next year's committee that the tournament serve as the first of two qualifying tournaments for next year's Open Championship.

It is hoped to increase the number of finalists next year to eight. These will be drawn from the first four of the six in this year's final, the first two from this year's Reserve Tourney, and two from a qualifying tournament to precede next year's Open Final.

The entry of V. N. Dounaef, the current Premier Reserves Champion of the Kowloon Chess Club, will mean a four-way fight for the Reserve title between Karpovich, Weiss, Dounaef and Birlukoff, the four Senior entries.

The complete entry list is: A. Archangeloff, A. Birlukoff, R. W. Carter, V. N. Dounaef, Arthur Gomes, L. Karpovich, V. V. Kolatshoff, Jacob Ramler, R. Segalen, S. Shave, J. V. Tausz and Karel Weiss.

BOTVINNIK DRAWS

Moscow, Apr. 25.—The game between Dr Max Euwe (Holland) and Mikhail Botvinnik (Soviet Russia) ended in a draw at the 20th move in the 17th round of the world chess championship here today. —Reuter.

CHINESE NATIONAL GAMES

Athletes Converge On Shanghai For Big Meet

Shanghai, Apr. 25.—Athletes from all parts of Asia began to arrive during the week-end at Shanghai for the seventh China national athletic meet opening on May 5 in which some Olympic candidates will be chosen.

About 60 Chinese Indonesians arrived on the Dutch ship Obisse Vain. The Indonesian team is the strongest in swimming and track. Other teams from North China, Malaya and other Asia sections are en route. Participating athletes are expected to be about 3,000.

China is to enter the largest number in the 11-day tournament at the Kiangwan Stadium. Singapore, Bangkok, Hongkong, Manila and Batavia are all to have substantial teams. Also teams composed of New York and San Francisco Chinese are to enter.

The Chinese games will serve as an elimination meet for the Olympics. The selection committee named to pick China entries in the Olympics has hopes of winning a point for the first time. The hope rests on Lau Wen-sang, 10,000-meter runner now competing in the United States but expected back for the meet. Besides track and field events, there also will be competition in swimming, basketball, football, volleyball, tennis and ping pong.

HUGE REPAIR JOB

The Government is pushing a CN\$15,000,000 repair job on war-shattered Kiangwan civic centre stadium.

In addition, the Government is spending another CN\$10,000,000 to repair highways leading from Shanghai to and around the stadium. Living quarters for the 3,000 athletes from Far Eastern countries and the United States are being stored to first class condition. These quarters are located under the grandstands.

The stadium, which has a seating capacity for 40,000 spectators, includes a football field, a cinder track and space for field events.

A new hardwood floor is being built in the gymnasium and the entire structure has been cleaned and whitewashed. Its seating capacity will take care of 6,000 persons.

Repair work is being rushed on the swimming pool, which was not as severely damaged as other parts of the civic centre. The pool's grandstand will hold about 4,000.

Besides repair work, the N.A.A.U. committee is building several tennis courts and an outdoor basketball court. —Associated Press.

GENERALISSIMO IN CHAIR

President Chiang Kai-shek will be chairman of the forthcoming Chinese National Athletic Meet.

CRICKET

MIDDLESEX FAVOURITES FOR COUNTY CRICKET

London, Apr. 25.—Middlesex, with the most powerful batting quartette in County cricket — Brown, Robertson, Edrich and Denis Compton — hope to win the championship for the second successive year. The only occasion they have done this was in 1920 and 1921.

They have a very strong batting side and expect big things from the 17-year-old school-boy, Ian Bedford, whose leg-breaks and googlies bear the stamp of exceptional promise.

Yorkshire's bowling, lacking the services of Bill Bowes (now retired), does not look as formidable as usual and against most rivals they must look chiefly to their batsmen. However, much responsibility rests on Len Hutton's shoulders, though great hopes are expected to be Gerald Smithson, Watson, Halliday and Lester, who last season made three centuries.

With all but one of the 1947 playing staff re-engaged, Derbyshire expect another season as successful as last, when they advanced from 15th place to 5th in the table. Worthington, after serving Derbyshire for 24 years, has accepted a League Cricket engagement, and is the only notable absentee.

LIGHT APPEALS

The special rule dealing with light appeals for matches with the Australians, including Tests, whereby either side may appeal once on any day during any innings, will not apply to County matches. In these games the umpires will be the sole judges, and they must make their decisions without conferring with the captain of the fielding side.

Many leading figures will be absent from regular cricket this season, including three captains, R. W. V. Robins (Middlesex), A. B. Sellers (Yorkshire) and P. Cranmer (Warwickshire).

F. G. Mann, son of F. T. Mann, former Middlesex captain, takes over the Middlesex captaincy, and Norman Yardley succeeds Brian Sellers.

Dollery, a professional, is to lead Warwickshire until R. M. Maudsley finishes his term at Oxford University, and another professional, Berry, continues to captain Leicestershire.

Naturally the Test matches against Australia, the first to be played in England for ten years, will dominate the new cricket season, which begins at Worcester on April 28 where the Australians play the county, but the County championship promises to be as exciting as last year, when Middlesex wrestled the title from the dominant north.

This season, for the first time, umpires are being allowed to "stand" in matches in which their former countries are engaged.

One of their members, the celebrated Frank Chester, is to receive a testimonial sponsored by the MCC in recognition of his services to the game. —Reuter.

ITALIANS DISAPPROVE OF K.O.

Rome, Apr. 26.—The Italian Boxing Federation is to tighten its regulations following the ring death of Francesco Loy, a 27-year-old welterweight.

Loy, who took a bad beating from Fernando Jannip on March 3, died in hospital from cerebral haemorrhage.

Eduardo Mazzia, secretary general of the Italian Boxing Federation, announced that all boxers in future must submit to medical tests before fighting. All measures to ensure physical fitness, he said, would be tightened.

Boxers in future must produce medical evidence of their fitness, and "undergo severe tests by the Federation's doctors before they get a certificate to fight," Mazzia said.

Every time a boxer quits because of punishment he will be thoroughly examined by Federation doctors, and any boxer who is knocked out will not be allowed to fight again for some time, Mazzia said. —Associated Press.

OLYMPIC CITY AT UXBRIDGE

By JAMES STUART

By mid-summer Uxbridge will be an "Olympic City." Most of the big Royal Air Force depots here are being turned into hostels for Olympic Games competitors, and at nearby West Drayton the RAF are moving out to make way for more Olympic athletes.

Uxbridge will be the largest of all the 31 centres being used to house the 6,000 Olympic competitors. About 1,500 will live in the big barrack blocks familiar to so many war-time airmen. Another 700 are to be accommodated at West Drayton.

I have just seen some of the reconstruction work the Air Ministry are doing. Future airmen will bless the Olympic Games because housing the athletes at Uxbridge has speeded up the work of bringing the airmen's quarters up to date. Cost of the work is being borne by the Air Ministry as part of their post-war plans.

CREAM AND BLUE

Walls of barrack-rooms in which the competitors will live have been painted cream, with turquoise-blue fittings. Four athletes will share a room, with standard Service-type beds and furniture. There are rugs on the floors and reading-lamps over each bed. All these will remain for the future airmen.

Mr Stuart Townsend, chairman of the Olympic Games Housing Committee, told me that the accommodation at Uxbridge would be better than ever before in the Olympic Games, and added: "We are charging all the competing countries 25s. a head a day for their competitors, and that will include the cost of transporting them from where they are living to the various stadiums."

"The athletes want a good bed, quiet, good air and good food. We are going to provide them with the very best meals that we possibly can. In spite of the difficulties this country is facing today we are going to ensure that when the competitors return home they will say that Britain put up a wonderful show."

Big South China Development Scheme Forecast

Nationalisation A Success

London, Apr. 25.—Mr Emanuel Shinwell, Secretary for War and former Minister of Fuel, told a meeting in the Eastington mining area of Durham today that the nationalisation of coal industry was "working very well, having regard to the unfavourable circumstances."

Mr Shinwell referred to a report already published—that the Government was to authorise an inquiry into the working of the National Coal Board.

"Parliament has accepted nationalisation and we are determined there will be no monkeying about with the administration of nationalisation by bodies who would be far better employed promoting efficiency in private industry," he said. He had no doubt that there will be a House of Commons debate on the activities of the National Coal Board. "We cannot expect to achieve the production figures everybody desires until there is an efficient machinery established in the pits."—*Reuter*.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED

Notice To Shareholders

ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:—

"That the New Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company and of the Meeting, be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Offices of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary,
Hongkong, 5th April, 1948.

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Ordinary Annual Meeting

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Closing of Transfer Books
Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Hongkong, 5th April, 1948.

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TIED TO U.S. AID PROGRAMME

Shanghai, Apr. 25.—The recent visit to South China of United States officials who joined with Chinese authorities in inspecting agricultural, electric power and harbour facilities, today was linked to reports that the Chinese government is preparing a South China development programme of considerable magnitude.

Both military and economic considerations are said to be involved, with the use of some of the funds appropriated by the United States Congress playing a major role. The Chinese and American governments will be joint administrators in setting up the programme.

Hotel Guests To Be Screened

Shanghai, Apr. 26.—Hotel guests who have no regular employment and who cannot give good reasons for staying in hotels will be closely questioned and investigated by the police in future, it is learned today.

This step is said to be in connection with the tightening up of the "rebel suppression movement" and ferreting out of undesirable elements in Shanghai.

An investigation of Buddhist and Taoist monks, who usually take up temporary abode in temples and monasteries while passing through the city, will also be instituted.

POLICE REGISTRATION
It is understood that hotel guests will be requested to register with police booths, which will be established at various street corners throughout the city, if they intend to stay in a hotel for more than one month.

Police information indicated that most of the hotel guests use fictitious names for registration and that their true identification has been difficult to ascertain. It is also alleged that many of these hotel guests are engaged in illegal activities.

The police also indicated that a census will be carried out at Shanghai's 100 temples and all monks will be issued resident certificates as ordinary residents.—*Reuter*.

The Future Of Australia

Sydney, Apr. 25.—Commenting on the nationalisation of banks in Australia, Mr Reginald Pollard, Minister of Commerce, said at a Labour Day dinner at Ballarat last night: "We will go on and on until eventually in Australia you will have a great co-operative Commonwealth."

"Its wealth will be owned by the people and will be operated in a socialist manner for our people as a whole."

Australian banks became nationalised under an Act which received the Royal assent last November, but in February trading banks and the States of Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia began a law suit in the Australian High Court to restrain the Commonwealth Government from proclaiming the Act.

After a 39-day hearing, judgment was reserved on April 15.—*Reuter*.

Soviets Release Barges

Berlin, Apr. 25.—Barges held up at a Soviet checkpoint on the river Elbe since last Tuesday began to enter the British Zone today, it was officially announced. The barge skippers had been told by the Soviet authorities not to re-enter the Soviet Zone without first obtaining new documents, the announcement said.

As the British authorities have no information about these new documents, it is unlikely that water traffic into, or through, the Soviet Zone will be renewed until the position is further clarified, it added. The French Military Government today instituted a motor bus service between Berlin and Brunswick after Thursday's cancellation by the Russians of two express coaches.—*Reuter*.

Nudists' Complaint

Birmingham, Apr. 26.—Residents of a Warwickshire nudist colony complained to the RAF that "low flying" pilots were stealing a peek. They said the flyers were swooping down on the camp swimming pool leaning out and making gestures at the people below. A senior RAF officer announced that it will not happen again.—*Associated Press*.

Students May Strike

Shanghai, Apr. 26.—Fujian University students have threatened to stage a general strike today if the school's administration refuses to approve the convening of a "school representative meeting"—an organisation similar to the already banned self-governing student body, it was learned this morning.

At this proposed meeting, the students of various schools in the university would be adequately represented. Indications this morning were that the university authorities would permit the requested meeting, in order not to allow the situation to grow worse.

Meanwhile, both the police and university chiefs are continuing to probe into the students' allegation that three mysterious men invaded and searched the school premises last week—a cause of the present trouble in the institution.—*Reuter*.

PROKOFIEFF IGNORES HIS CRITICS

Refuses To Renounce Compositions

Moscow, Apr. 25.—Prokofieff, one of the leading Soviet composers, had still failed to reply to the Soviet Communist Party charges of "formalism" in his music when the Soviet Composers Congress, at which many composers have admitted the truth of party criticism, continued its session today.

"Formalist" composers were recently denounced by the Central Committee of the Communist Party for being "influenced by the modernist bourgeois music of Britain and America."

Dmitri Shostakovich, another well-known composer, admitted that he had followed the wrong road and declared that Soviet musicians "must fight with all our strength against the influence of modern foreign music."

He promised to seek the way to a realistic, popular art.

"GUIDING CRITICISM"
Shostakovich, who was one of the composers accused of displaying "bourgeois and formalist" influences in his music by the Central Committee, admitted the justice of the criticism. "The divorce from their traditions could have led to certain of our composers—the formalists—into a blind alley had it not been for the timely warning given by the Central Committee," he said.

"Having now studied it thoroughly, I may say that I am really grateful to the Communist Party for this guiding criticism."

Mikhail Khrennikov, Secretary-General of the Organising Committee, reviewing the Conference speeches, said the silence of Prokofieff and Nikolai Myaskovsky testified "that they continue to remove themselves from the collective and follow the individualistic character of their conduct during the past few years."

The letter of Vissarion Shebalin to the Congress and the statements by Muradeli and Khachatryan had failed to satisfy the audience, he said. The Congress will continue tomorrow.—*Reuter*.

OUR NEW GOC

London, Apr. 25.—Major General F. R. G. Matthews, now Commandant of the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, England, has been appointed General Officer in command of Land Forces, Hongkong. He succeeds Major General W. E. J. Eadie, who has been appointed Director of the Territorial Army and cadets at the War Office.—*Reuter*.

Plan To Drive Illiteracy Out Of China

Shanghai, Apr. 25.—The Ministry of Education today is engaged in a long-range programme to drive illiteracy out of China.

Adults as well as children will benefit from the programme, according to a report issued by the Ministry's Research Commission which is charged with the organisation of experimental districts, co-ordinating their activities and which also serves as a liaison agency with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.

The government has appropriated CN\$800,000,000, equivalent to about US\$1,100,000 for the first half of 1948 to subsidise this educational work. The first experimental centres are being set up at Nanking, Chungking, Wushih and Peiping. Reading and writing will be accentuated in the major phases of the programme, with some higher education to those qualified, but not able to pay regular tuition in middle schools and colleges.

China's Vice-Presidency Dilemma

National Assembly To Meet Today

Nanking, Apr. 26.—The National Assembly, which broke up in an uproar yesterday, will remain in recess today while a delegation of the Assembly's Presidium attempts to persuade the three Vice-Presidential candidates—General Li Tsung-jen, Dr Sun Fo and General Cheng Chieh—to recall their withdrawals.

If the delegation's mission ends in success, a third ballot for the Vice-President will be held tomorrow morning.

The delegation consists of the following five persons—Dr Hu Shih, Bishop Paul Yu-pin, Miss Tseng Pao-ling, Mr Chen Chi-tien (Minister of Economic Affairs) and Mr Sun Yu-fu, of the Democrat Socialist Party.

Earlier, the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang decided at an emergency meeting to name a six-man deputation to persuade the three delegates to change their minds about not running.

News of General Li's sudden withdrawal from the Vice-Presidential elections resulted in much surprise and different interpretations among various elements.

CLIQUE BLAMED

Observers who are familiar with Chinese politics blamed the trouble on a certain clique within the Kuomintang.

Civic leaders, who refused to authorise publication of their names, were quoted by Shanghai's China Press as expressing fear that if General Li Tsung-jen walks out of the capital as a result of his dissatisfaction with the obstructing pressure alleged to have been brought to bear upon his supporters, the whole Chinese political situation will go from bad to worse.

A Chinese newspaper editor was quoted by the China Press as taking delight in repeating the words attributed to the veteran outspoken Kuomintang leader, Mr Wu Tsu-hui: "Election, or no election, it is nothing. I say let's all go home."

A Government official, who returned to Shanghai from Nanking during the week-end, asserted that since the elimination of Mr Yu Yuen, President of the Control Yuan, from the second ballot, there has been some uneasiness among certain Kuomintang members.

The official, however, did not believe that General Li's sudden exit from the election was the result of friction between the Kuomintang and Kwangsi groups. He attributed it to a group of narrow-minded and self-seeking elements of the Party.

He added that these same people have been responsible to a large extent for the present trouble in China.—*Reuter*—*AAP*.

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